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Keith Denos, General Manger Provo River Water Users Association 285 West 1100 North Pleasant Grove UT 84062-1629

Re: Weber River Distribution System Committee

Dear Keith:

At the Weber River distribution meeting this past January, Jeff Budge reminded me that over the past few years we have discussed the possibility of creating a joint distribution committee on the Weber River. PRWUA's interest, as I understand it, is to obtain a seat on the system committee similar to what was done on the Duchesne River several years ago. I told Jeff that I would look into it this year after we had finished all of our scheduled distribution meetings for the year.

I reviewed the circumstances that existed when we created the Joint River Committee for the Duchesne River Distribution System. As you will recall CUWCD, BIA, and PRWUA (three major water users on the Duchesne System) together were paying 70% of the assessment, had interests substantially different from the Duchesne River Water Users Association, and all felt they were not represented on the Association Committee. Attached is an assessment break down for the Duchesne River that shows the respective assessments of these water users (for 2010) in comparison with the rest of the water users in the system.

Also on the same attachment is a breakdown of the 2009 assessments for the Weber River (we don't have the 2010 assessments done yet). In reviewing this information, I believe the situation with the Weber River Committee is substantially different from the situation that existed with the Duchesne River Committee. PRWUA pays only just over 3% of the assessment on the Weber River and appears to be the only party concerned about the current committee organization. Although PRWUA may feel its interests are substantially different and not represented on the committee, there does not appear to be a compelling argument for creating a joint river committee to provide PRWUA a seat on the committee. In the Duchesne case, if CUWCD and BIA had not been in the picture, we would not have created the joint river committee.

I know this doesn't give PRWUA the opportunity it desires but I hope it helps you understand our position. If you feel you have concerns that need to be expressed on the committee you should petition either Dennis Wright or Dennis Marchant as indicated on the following list of the Weber River Water Rights Committee.



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Weber River Water Rights Committee Membership as of 2010

District 1 - Summit County Area

Dennis Wright

Dennis Marchant

District 2 - Morgan County Area

Dee Waldron

District 3 - Area served by Davis & Weber Counties Canal

Pete Page

Ivan Ray

Scott Paxman

District 4 - Part of Weber County

Theo Cox (Vice Chairman)

District 5 - Area served by Echo Reservoir

Jay Christensen

District 6 - Part of Weber County

Keith Steed

District 7 - Area served by Weber Basin WCD

Tage Flint

Mark Anderson

District 8 - Utah Power and Light

Connely Baldwin

District 9 - Park City Area

Steve Osguthorpe (Chairman)

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me by phone at 801-538-7380 or by e-mail at <u>LeeSim@utah.gov</u>.

Sincerely

Assistant State Engineer for Field Services

## **DUCHESNE RIVER ASSESSMENT BREAKDOWN**

**BASED ON 2010 ASSESSMENTS** 

WATER USER	ASSESSMENT	% ot TOTAL
Total of 60 Small Users	\$4,902	4.33%
Tabby IC	\$617	0.54%
Red Creek IC	\$1,090	0.96%
Orchard Mesa Canal Co	\$1,107	0.98%
Hicken Ditch Co	\$1,143	1.01%
Pioneer Canal	\$1,408	1.24%
Rhoades Canal Co	\$1,484	1.31%
Duchesne IC	\$2,067	1.83%
Farrm Creek IC	\$2,104	1.86%
Rocky Point Ditch Co	\$3,752	3.31%
PRWUA	\$8,089	7.14%
Uintah Basin IC	\$12,590	11.12%
BIA - Uintah Indian Irr Proj	\$23,202	20.49%
CUWCD	\$49,660	43.86%
TOTAL SYSTEM	\$113,215	100.00%

### WEBER RIVER ASSESMENT BREAKDOWN

**BASED ON 2009 ASSESSMENT** 

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#### \$145,484

WATER USER	ASSESSMENT	% OF REGION	% OF TOTAL
Davis & Weber Canals	\$14,148	9.72%	6.74%
Hooper IC	\$5,136	3.53%	2.45%
Pacific Corp	\$3,713	2.55%	1.77%
Warren IC	\$3,667	2.52%	1.75%
Weber Basin WCD	\$91,330	62.78%	43.50%
Wildlife Resources	\$11,941	8.21%	5.69%
Wilson IC	\$1,312	0.90%	0.62%
Small Accts	\$14,237	9.79%	6.78%
		100.00%	69.30%

#### **MORGAN & LOWER**

#### \$12,021

WATER USER	ASSESSMENT	% OF REGION	% OF TOTAL
Bountiful Power	\$2,848	23.69%	1.36%
Enterprise Field Ditch	\$715	5.95%	0.34%
Henefer IC	\$810	6.74%	0.39%
Littleton Milton IC	\$513	4.27%	0.24%
North Morgan IC	\$590	4.91%	0.28%
Small Accts	\$6,545	54.45%	3.12%
		100.00%	5.73%

#### **SUMMIT & UPPER**

# \$52,440

WATER USER	ASSESSMENT	% OF REGION	% OF TOTAL
Beaver Shingle Cr IC	\$4,220	8.05%	2.01%
Mountain Regional SSD	\$689	1.31%	0.33%
Newfield & No. Bench IC	\$592	1.13%	0.28%
Park City	\$9,867	18.82%	4.70%
PRWUA	\$6,886	13.13%	3.28%
Silver Springs WC	\$1,060	2.02%	0.50%
Summit WDC	\$1,775	3.38%	0.85%
Weber River WUA	\$12,923	24.64%	6.16%
Small Accts	\$14,428	27.51%	6.87%

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**TOTAL SYSTEM** 

\$209,945